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(U) Salton City – US CBP Seizes 91-Pounds of Methamphetamine

(U) US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers working at the Highway 86 immigration checkpoint arrested a drug smuggler and seized 91-pounds of methamphetamine on the morning of 19 July. The packages were hidden inside a false compartment in the ceiling of the vehicle, the detainee and the seized contraband were placed in Drug Enforcement Administration custody.

SOURCE: 22 July 2019, [US CBP Press Release](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – US Border Patrol Seizes 333-Pounds of Methamphetamine

(U) US CBP Office of Field Operations (OFO) officers arrested a drug smuggler and seized 333-pounds of methamphetamine on 17 July. The packages were hidden inside a generator, which was stored on a stake bed hauling truck, the detainee and contraband were placed in US Immigration and Customs (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) custody.

SOURCE: 22 July 2019, [US CBP Press Release](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) New York – 31 Charged in Scheme to Traffic Cigarettes to New York

(U) New York City – Federal prosecutors have charged 31 people with running an operation to traffic cigarettes from North Carolina and sell them in the New York area to avoid taxes. A news release on 22 July said that the smugglers would buy thousands of cigarettes from businesses in Fayetteville, then pack them in vans or trucks, and drive to New York after stopping in Virginia.

SOURCE: 22 July 2019, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Puerto Rico – 11th Day of Violent Protests amid Calls for Governor Resignation

(U) San Juan – Authorities are preparing for an 11th day of protests that are calling for the resignation of Puerto Rico's governor. Police fired tear gas to disperse crowds late yesterday and early today while protesters threw bottles and other objects at police, according to multiple media reports. Governor Ricardo Rosselló has insisted he will not step down as leader of the US Territory over misogynistic and homophobic messages exchanged between him and top aides, but said on 21 July that he would not seek re-election next year.

SOURCE: 22 July 2019, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Germany – Left Party's Berlin Headquarters Evacuated due to Bomb Threat

(U) Berlin – The left-wing "Die Linke" political party evacuated their headquarters in Berlin on 22 July, after receiving a bomb threat. The police said the situation was safe after searching the property. "Right-wing terror reaches us in the form of a threat," the party wrote on Twitter. Forty people working at the

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Karl-Liebknecht-House headquarters had been told to leave the building as police began a search for the bomb.

SOURCE: 22 July 2019, [AFP](#)

(U) Mali – Suicide Car Bomb Targets French Military Base in Gao

(U) Gao – An apparent suicide car bomb exploded at the entrance to a French military base in the central Mali town of Gao, injuring at least three French and Estonian troops yesterday. The soldiers' injuries were not life-threatening and the base was not breached.

SOURCE: 22 July 2019, [AFP](#)

(U) Nigeria – Nigerian Military and Police Clash with Shi'ite Protesters in Abuja

(U) Abuja – Nigerian troops and police clashed this morning with Shi'ite Muslim marchers in the capital Abuja and gunfire could be heard, two witnesses told Reuters. The air was thick with teargas as soldiers and police officers made arrests after the Shi'ite group marched in protest against the continued detention of its leader, despite a court ruling that he be released.

SOURCE: 23 July 2019, [Reuters](#)

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